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(Schwerin and Wismar)

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 21, 22 and 25 July 1955, only a few soldiers were seen in the Fritsch Kaserne (5544) in Schwerin. On 26 July, some 30 trucks occupied by soldiers who wore blue-bordered black epaulets with engineer and motor transport insignia, 2 prime movers, 6 amphibious vehicles, 4 tie-removing machines towed by trucks and 1 prime mover with paddle-wheel superstructure, presumably a trenching machine, entered this installation from the direction of the Schwerin freight station. Truck [redacted] were seen.<sup>1</sup>

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2. On 21 July, some 40 soldiers practiced driving and aiming with 2 T-34 tanks at the drill ground opposite Moltke Kaserne (5543) in Schwerin. On 25 July, 3 companies, each of 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the Moltke Kaserne from the direction of Sternbuchholz. The installation did not appear to be occupied to capacity. 2

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3. On 20 July, 6 x 152-mm gun howitzers and 3 trucks were parked in the yard of Krueger Kaserne (5542) in Schwerin. Between 22 and 26 July, only physical training and fatigue duty were observed in the installation.

4. Between 2030 and 2230 on 21 and 22 July, 10 x 152-mm gun howitzers engaged in target practice from the Rastow-Lublow area toward the Lewitz. Fifteen trucks [redacted] and some 150 soldiers were seen with the guns. At about 0500 on 23 July, 6 prime movers towing 152-mm gun howitzers and 4 trucks left the emplacements in the abovementioned area and proceeded toward Ludwigsburg. Each prime mover carried 12 to 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The unit presumably came from Krueger Kaserne. 3

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5. Between 21 and 31 July, the infantry and artillery sections of Flak Kaserne (5641) in Wismar were heavily occupied. Some 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets with infantry insignia daily went to the former German Dornier airfield in the morning and returned at about 1500. At about 1000 on 22 and 26 July, 3 SU-76 guns left the installation for the airfield and returned at about 1800.

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1. [ ] Comment. Engineer soldiers have been observed in this installation since March 1955. Since no engineer soldiers have been observed in the Hagenow Fliegerhorst for a prolonged period of time, it can be assumed that the 107th Gds Engr Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. is stationed in the Fritsch Kaserne in Schwerin, rather than in Hagenow. The Fritsch Kaserne is also believed to quarter the 159th Gds Sig Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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2. [ ] Comment. This installation is believed to be occupied by the 74th Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which, except for tank firing details, is assumed to be stationed at the post.

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3. [ ] Comment. Rueger Kaserne is occupied by the 4th Gds Arty Brig of the 1st [ ] Corps, elements of which went to Altengrabow and Letzling Heath [ ] 4 trains on 16 and 17 July, respectively. [ ] 28 July, major elements returned from Letzling Heath. [ ] The firing practices in the Lewitz probably involved additional units of the brigade.

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4. [ ] Comment. The Flak Kaserne in Wismar is believed to be occupied by the 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The bulk of both regiments was presumably stationed at the post.

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